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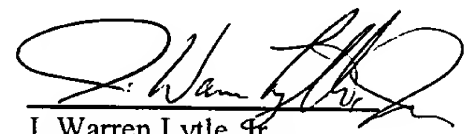
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application is an  
Amendment (3 Pages) in response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees  
required for the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit  
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In response to the final Office Action mailed September 27, 2002, Applicant submits the following remarks in support of patentability.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 18 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1 - 18 are rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Ferrel et al. ("Ferrel"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection because Ferrel does not disclose each and every limitation recited in the claims.

Ferrel does not teach or suggest, for example, a plurality of function modules receiving requests from a user interface, and returning information concerning a compilation of content, as required by claim 1.

In the final Office Action, at page 4, it is stated that Fig. 2 of Ferrel shows that "a user 182 interfaces with a workstation 180, which communicates with the functional modules and data repositories of 102." It is asserted in the Office Action that the designer software modules